

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

JUL 26 2004

Application No. : 09/998,855  
Applicant : Agapios Agapiou et al.  
Filed : November 15, 2001  
Art Unit : 1755  
Examiner : Pasterczyk, James W.

Confirmation No. 6866

Docket No. : 2000U055.US  
Customer No. : 25959

Date : July 26, 2004

Mail Stop: AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**OFFICIAL****AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 24, 2004, please consider the following remarks, and amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

2000U055.US.Amend.07.22.04

- 1 -